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C O N F I D E N T I A L GABORONE 1400

FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG BC

SUBJ: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: CHANGE OF VENUE OF THE NON-
ALIGNED COORDINATING BUREAU (NACB) MEETING

RER: (A) GABORONE 1368 (NOTAL), (B) STATE 118946

1. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MAY 11 MEETING WITH MINEXTAFF
MOGWE REPORTED REF A, I HAD OCCASION TO ASK PRESIDENTIAL
ADVISOR LEGWAILA WHY THERE HAD APPARENTLY BEEN NO RESISTANCE
TO TRANSFER OF NACB VENUE TO HAVANA. LEGWAILA REPLIED THAT
THE DECISION REFLECTS THE FACT THAT, WHILE NACB AND OTHERS
IN THE NAM SAY THEY ARE NON-ALIGNED, MOST OF THEM IN REALITY
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SYMPATHIZE WITH COMMUNIST COUNTRIES INCLUDING CUBA. HE
AGREED THAT CUBA'S PRESENCE IN ANY TRULY NON-ALIGNED GATHERING
IS "LAUGHABLE" AND THAT CRITICISM OF CUBA'S POLICIES WILL BE
LESS LIKELY AT A MEETING HELD IN HAVANA. LEGWAILA THEN OBSERVED
THAT HE THOUGHT THAT, OF ALL THE LEADERS, "ONLY QADHAFI"
MIGHT ACTUALLY STAND UP TO CASTRO; LEGWAILA REPORTED QADHAFI
AS HAVING DONE SO AT ALGIERS MEETING OF THE NAM. ACCORDING

TO LEGWAILA, QADHAFI POINTED TO CASTRO AND SAID HE SHOULD NOT BE PRESENT BECAUSE HIS COUNTRY WAS ALIGNED.

2. COMMENT: CIRCUMSTANCES DID NOT PERMIT DIRECT QUESTIONING OF MINEXTAFF MOGWE HIMSELF ALTHOUGH WE KNOW FROM PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS THAT THE GOB AND HE PERSONALLY BELIEVE CUBA HAS NO RIGHT TO BE CONSIDERED NON-ALIGNED. FOR THIS REASON, AMONG OTHERS, MOGWE ALSO HAS RESERVATIONS ABOUT NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT, ITS MEETINGS, RESOLUTIONS, ETC., WHICH DO NOT REPRESENT OR REFLECT GOB'S TRUE FEELINGS. WE BELIEVE GOB REMAINS PART OF IT AS FORM OF PROTECTION FROM RADICALS AND AS POSSIBLE SOURCE OF ASSISTANCE IN ABSENCE OF EFFECTIVE SUPPORT FROM THE WEST.

3. FYI: GOB HAS ANNOUNCED THAT HAVANA MEETING WILL BE ATTENDED BY MINISTER OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND INFORMATION DANIEL KWELAGOBÉ, AS WELL AS BY DR. TLOU, BOTSAANA REP TO UN. ALBERTI

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